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Grade A students

Royal borough A-level results
in line with national average

by Dick Townsend-
Smith

THERE were whoops of joy, pats on the back, big hugs and a few tears when thousands of students in the borough's secondary schools tore open their A-level and BTec results last Thursday (August 14).

For a great many it was the news they had hoped for – the confirmation they had got the grades they needed for their future plans.

More than half of exam entries in A-level and BTec achieved a good

grade of A* to B. The overall pass rate in A-levels, at 98 per cent, matches the national figure. A slight drop in the overall number of A-level passes at grades A* to B reflects this year's national trends. The number of A*-B grades at A-level came in at 39.1 per cent, a one per cent fall on last year.

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JOANNA MORONEY: "The Millennium Park in Greenwich Peninsula looks particularly beautiful this time of year - the water lilies are simply amazing..."

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M&S food store would be an outlet welcomed by all

I AM delighted that Cllr Hyland is talking to M&S about the possibility of a Simply Food branch in Woolwich.

I have lived in the Woodlands area of Plumstead (on the 291 bus route) since 1989 and when M&S was a proper M&S, instead of the almost useless outlet store, I bought almost all of my food and many of my clothes in there, too. Now I struggle to find a couple of meals in there because currently the variety is limited. Travelling to the brilliant Simply Food branch at Blackheath Standard is a pain because of the positioning of bus stops at both parts of the journey and the new Charlton



TO CLOSE: The M&S store in Woolwich which will shut in September

branch will probably pose the same problem as both involve two buses in each direction with the buses not being at or near the same bus stop. Plenty of people feel as I do that a decent size M&S

Simply Food in Woolwich would be a very good idea, and I think they would get plenty of custom as many people like the quality food and would much rather buy from M&S.

Mrs Jo Martin, Plumstead

'Keep moving to stay young'

Dance teacher reveals secret as he turns 80
London Stage Party...
Residents' joy at Twinkle Park

JULY REPORT: our story about Trevor's dance career

Thanks for Trevor's story

I AM writing to thank you for the article and photographs published in your paper Greenwich Time on July 1 on the subject of Trevor Jackson dance teacher at the age of 80. We, the students, were so pleased to see that he was given recognition for his work and contribution to the teaching of dance in such a stylish and complimentary manner. The photographs and article were lovely and much appreciated by us all and Trevor of course. Many thanks to reporter Simon Banks and Chris Mansfield, the photographer.

Mary Kirk, Greenwich

ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise. --

August 19 - Licensing sub committee A, 6.30pm (provisional)
August 20 - Licensing sub committee C, 5pm
August 26 - Overview and Scrutiny call-in sub committee, 5.30pm, committee room 4

September 1 - Planning Board, 6.30pm
September 2 - Licensing sub committee A, 5pm, public hall
September 3 - Corporate Parenting Panel, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel, 7pm
September 9 - Greenwich Area planning committee, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

September 10 - Eltham & Kidbrooke area planning committee, 6.30pm, Eltham Centre, 2 Archery Road, Borough-wide housing panel (time/venue tbc)
September 11 - Social inclusion scrutiny, 7pm, committee room 4
Avery Hill & Coldharbour local housing panel - selection (time/venue tbc)

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

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Room for a few more

Greenwich hotel expanding to meet demand for tourists

A prestigious hotel in Greenwich is increasing its capacity to meet the growing demand from tourists flocking to visit the royal borough's exciting and historic attractions.

Last month The London Greenwich Hotel (Mercure) was granted planning permission by the Greenwich Council to extend the hotel's first and second storeys. The improvements are needed to accommodate two new suites as well as extra office space and a new entrance for the boutique hotel's restaurant in the future.

The 1930s-themed hotel currently has 144 rooms and is located in Catherine Grove - close to Greenwich riverfront where scores of majestic tall ships will be moored from September 5-9 for the Tall Ships Festival.

The highly anticipated festival, which will see the most spectacular tall ships regatta London has seen for 25 years, as well as a carnival atmosphere with thousands of visitors expected to come to see the ships when they dock and enjoy dockside entertainment.

In March the Royal Borough announced a partnership with the Greenwich Hotel to welcome the sponsorship deal. This means tall ships' guests can enjoy special accommodation and entertainment packages involving cruises along the race route.

Cllr Denise Hyland, leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, told GT: "Greenwich is an internationally renowned destination for tourists and The Greenwich

by Dan Stephens

Hotel's decision to increase its capacity to meet our Royal borough's ever growing popularity with visitors really illustrates this. We are very excited to be hosting the Tall Ships Festival and to be continuing our partnership with the Mercure, something which is helping to

ensure that we will deliver one of the most memorable regattas to date.

"I'd like to welcome everyone coming to Greenwich over the coming weeks and encourage all to immerse themselves in the Tall Ships Festival."

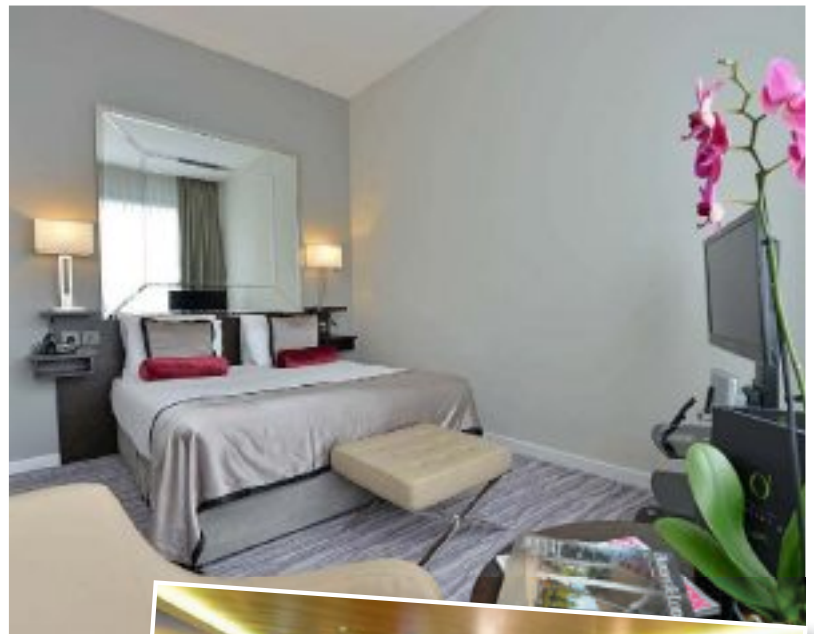
Lady Delves Broughton, owner of The

London Greenwich Hotel

(Mercure) told GT: "The Greenwich Hotel is delighted to be a major sponsor of this fantastic event. We have already seen a great response to the Tall Ships Festival with an ever increasing level of interest and reservations. The Greenwich Hotel has formed many successful partnerships within Greenwich including being the sole hotel partner of the 02 Arena and also has partnered with Charlton Athletics to name just some. We are happy to play our part in partnership with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Visit Greenwich.

To show our full support we have arranged for the exclusive use of an entire tall ship on the first night of the Festival and look forward to the occasion immensely".

● Find out how your company can get involved in the Tall Ships Festival by emailing tall-shipssponsor@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



WARM RECEPTION: Examples of the hotel's rooms and facilities and, left, hotel owner Lady Rhona Delves Broughton meets former Mayor Cllr Angela Conrforth at the announcement of the hotel's partnership in the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival earlier this year



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Nominate your healthcare heroes

"UNSUNG" healthcare staff are to be celebrated by Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, which is putting on its first ever awards scheme.

And the trust is asking local people to nominate "healthcare heroes" who they feel have gone the "extra mile" and made a difference to their lives.

Claire Champion, director of nursing and clinical services, said: "We have around 6,000 staff working at University Hospital Lewisham, Queen Elizabeth Hospital

in Greenwich, Queen Mary's Sidcup and in a range of community settings in Lewisham.

"We know from patient feedback that we have hard working and caring staff who make a real difference to the lives of patients and their families.

"I am proud of this organisation, and it's important that we celebrate the good work that happens on a daily basis."

Anyone who would like to nominate a member of

staff - or a team - for this award, should email the person and the reasons for the nomination to communications.lg@nhs.net or write to: FREEPOST LGT.

A nomination form can also be downloaded from the trust's website www.lewishamandgreenwich.nhs.uk or copies are also available in patient waiting areas and at main reception desks.

For more information telephone 020 3192 6555.

The nominations deadline is September 19.

Children's hospice marks fifth birthday



HIGH FIVES: About 120 people helped celebrate Demelza's fifth birthday with a 5km fundraising walk

THE Demelza children's hospice celebrated its fifth year at Wensley Close, Eltham, with a birthday party.

Families of children who have been supported by the hospice joined staff and helpers for the event, which included a disco, a dance group, face painting, arts and crafts, and a birthday cake 50 inches across.

The special guest was actress and television personality Sally Lindsay.

Sarah Carter, head of care at Demelza, said: "I've been privileged to be part of such a crucial

service which has been helping more and more families across South East London over the past five years.

"We are enabling families to become families again rather than carers, we are empowering young people to experience normal activities and we are allowing families to access the care and support they need either in the hospice or in their community.

"It was great to be able to mark our fifth birthday by spoiling some of our families with a party and we hope to be able

to support even more families who need our help over the next five years."

As part of the fifth celebrations, about 120 people took part in a sponsored 5km walk, starting and ending at Devonport House, where the hotel organised a barbecue.

Demelza helps support more than 200 children with life-limited and life-threatened conditions and their families across Greenwich, Lewisham, Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth and Southwark.

Call for station

TRANSPORT for London (TfL) says it will assess every case on its merits after a Royal Borough of Greenwich request to re-zone Woolwich Arsenal station.

TfL's response follows a letter from Cllr Denise Hyland, the leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, who has written to the Mayor of London calling for the zone designation of Woolwich Arsenal station (*pictured*) to be reclassified.

Cllr Hyland wrote that the royal borough "broadly supports" the aims of a petition by commuters to redesignate Woolwich Arsenal from Zone 4 to Zone 3.

But she added: "However, our position is actually to ask for the station to be moved to the status of a Zone 3/4 station, thus ensuring that people travelling between Plumstead, Abbey Wood and Woolwich are not disadvantaged by having to pay a higher fare for travelling between zones.


"This re-zoning will absolutely help the regeneration of the area which will also be boosted by the arrival of Crossrail in 2018.


"This would seem to be a timely request following the re-designation of Stratford to Zone 2/3 for exactly the same reasons.

"We feel sure that the fare box will not suffer as the number of passengers will increase given the expected rise in population and due to the number of homes being built here in our borough."

A spokesman for TfL, which manages the capital's transport network, said: "Any request or discussion on rezoning is done on a case by case basis, assessing the cost and benefit to all those involved."



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to be re-zoned

Revamp of London Bridge to disrupt Bank Holiday trains

PEOPLE travelling to the borough by train via London Bridge during the August Bank Holiday week face severe disruption and delays.

The affected period is from Saturday, August 23, to Sunday, August 31.

It is part of Network Rail's £6.5bn Thameslink programme, which will transform north to south travel through London when it is completed in 2018. Part of the programme involves the entire rebuilding of London Bridge rail station.

Between the dates in August:

- First Capital Connect Thameslink route services will not call at London Bridge but will be diverted between Blackfriars and East Croydon.

- Southern services will not operate to and from London Bridge, and a revised service will operate across the network.

- This means there will be no direct services from London Bridge to Gatwick or Luton airports. Passengers will be able to reach both from London Blackfriars, City Thameslink, Farringdon and London St Pancras. London Victoria will run trains to Gatwick Airport.

- Southeastern services will run normally but will be busier.

- London Overground services will not operate to and from New Cross from August 26-29. An enhanced London Overground service will operate between Crystal Palace and Canada Water and a replacement bus will run between New Cross, Surrey Quays and Canada Water.

- Some other National Rail, London Underground and London Overground services and stations may be busier than usual.

- Alternative routes can be checked by going to www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk/know-travel-options-23-31-august-2014/. Passengers can also sign up for a reminder on planned disruption by texting TLP and their home station to 60777.

Silver yarnstorming

CALLING all knitters - organisers of this year's Silver Sunday event in October are looking for people to be creative with their crochet. The Eltham Yarnstorming event will be part of the borough's events on Silver Sunday, a national day celebrating people over-60. Organisers Age UK Bromley and Greenwich want bobble hats, bunting and other creative pieces to help cover the railings at the Resource Centre, 2-6 Sherard Road, Eltham. They will be sewn together on Sunday October 5. The bobble hat knitting pattern is available at: www.ageukbromleyandgreenwich.org.uk in the News and Campaigns area or call 020 8315 1883.

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on options for new river crossings in east London

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NEXT month a fleet of beautiful tall ships will be moored along the banks of the Greenwich waterfront as part of the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival. It's a chance for locals and visitors to climb aboard and explore a range of historic and modern sailing vessels which are known as tall ships. The ships are classed in four categories under a rule of rating according to length and rigging. They are set to arrive in Greenwich after a race from Falmouth and will form the centrepiece of a five-day festival which includes music, theatre and entertainment both on the vessels and along the shore at four riverside locations. GT takes a peak at some of the boats that will be drawing the crowds from September 5-9. For further details about the tall ships festival and the ships on view visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/tallships/whatson

A ship in every port

Tall ships dock at four riverside locations for maritime festival



Eye of the Wind - Peninsula

A gorgeous brigantine built in 1911, the Eye of the Wind has a very colourful history. After an unfortunate few years that saw her sink twice and burn to the waterline once she bounced back in style, serving as Prince Charles' flagship during Operation Drake,

a round-the-world voyage in ten stages with a crew of young people from dozens of countries. She's also co-starred in films alongside Tommy Lee-Jones and Jeff Bridges. She's a Class A, 38.6 metres long and will be taking 20 trainees.

Shtandart - Woolwich

As the only ship with canons, the Shtandart is a special example of an 18th century ship offering 21st century sailing. With its 100ft length and 100ft high mast and beautiful hand-carved ornamentations, the class A vessel will be a unique sight at Woolwich where she'll be offering musical themed sessions for visitors

who want to explore above and below deck.

She was constructed by volunteers on the banks of the Neva River using traditional materials and methods as a replica of the first ship in the Baltic Fleet of the Imperial Russian Navy - the ship which Peter the Great helped to build with the shipbuilding knowledge he'd learned while

working on the Deptford docks. She is capable of approximately 10 knots. Above the gun-deck everything is an exact replica and below the gun-deck it has all the storage space it needs for cannonballs, water, gunpowder and anchors as well as the necessary modern equipment of a working tall ship including two 560 horsepower volvo diesel engines.

Tenacious - Woolwich

Along with the Lord Nelson (also operated by the Jubilee Sailing Trust), the Tenacious is a very special ship. It was specially designed and built with disabled access in mind - it includes extra-wide decks to accommodate wheelchairs, as well as a lift and special pulleys so that

wheelchair users can go up the rigging. The Jubilee Sailing Trust's mission is to promote the integration of people of all physical abilities through the challenge and adventure of sailing Tall Ships on the open sea, and this is the perfect vessel to be doing that. This gorgeous, Class A ship is 66.6 metres long and takes 44 trainees.



The Royalist - Wood Wharf, Canary Wharf

Operated by the Sea Cadets (who are our Charity Partner for the Tall Ships Festival, along with Seafarers UK) this 28m long Class-A ship was launched by Princess Anne in 1971. Since then she has taken

more than 30,000 cadets and will be home to 24 who will be arriving onboard for the Tall Ships Festival. This ship is in fact nearing the end of her illustrious career - taking part in London's first Tall Ships Regatta for 25 years will be a fitting swan-song for such a famous and well-loved ship.

Globe-trotting drifter

Tall ship joins regatta after round the world voyage

by Hilary Bryan

THE FIRST tall ship to sign up to the Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival will be joining the event fresh from a year and a half trip around the world.

The Tecla, an old Herring drifter, is part of a trio of Dutch tall ships which finished a voyage round the world in June.

The ships sailed the globe on a full circumnavigation, following routes taken by Dutch traders.

Since setting off in November 2012, the three ships have sailed the Atlantic Ocean, crossed the equator calling in at three notorious Dutch-named capes - the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn.

After the Cape Horn rounding 'Tecla' sailed to Uruguay before heading north again.

During the year and eight-month trip she sailed 35,000 nautical miles, criss crossing the Greenwich meridian in the Southern Ocean.

She arrived in Falmouth in June before heading home to the Netherlands to undergo maintenance and is due to set off back to Falmouth from August 23.

Built in 1915, the Tecla is a 38 metre two mast Ketch which takes four permanent crew and 16 trainees on her voyages. She's owned and sailed by a family of four professional sailors and used as a sail training vessel.

Co-owner and manager Jannette Sluik told GT: "Falmouth was our first familiar town after a long time of sailing in unknown water. We have chosen to stop in Falmouth before heading home, because



ON THE HIGH SEAS: the Tecla cuts through the waves with ease

we have a close connection to the English coast. It is an amazing sailing area, with a lot of sailing history. When we heard there would be a race from Falmouth to Greenwich we joined in straight away, and I believe we were the first to sign in for the Regatta!"

During the festival the Tecla will be part of the fleet of Tall Ships who will be sailing day trips on the Thames. Jannette added: "We did this in 2012 as well. It was a lot of fun for us to cross the meridian

in the middle of the Thames every day, sometimes more than once per day!

"The green laser beam shining over the water emphasizes the line once drawn in the maps. A line that once made astronomic navigation possible. Too bad they don't have a line like that on the equator."



Excelsior - Greenwich

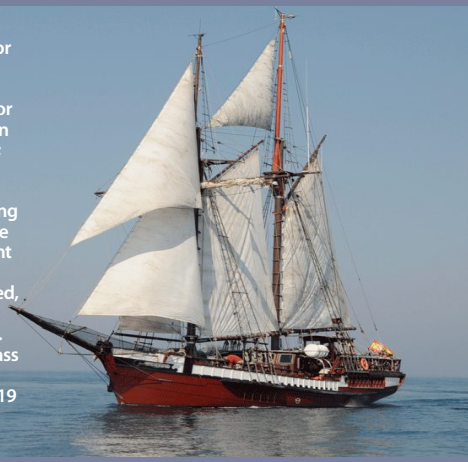
THIS humble 25 metre long Class B is officially listed as one of the most historically important ships in Britain, alongside the likes of the HMS Victory. Restored by the Excelsior Trust in the 1980s, she is one of the very few surviving examples of the smacks that used to fish the

North Sea from East Anglia in the 19th century. Lowestoft, the Excelsior's homeport, used to be the base of 340 of these. Today the Excelsior is the only traditional sailing trawler left on the East Coast, and the only ship that can still trawl with authentic gear. With only 12 trainees onboard this is one of the smaller ships of the fleet.

Ayla - Greenwich

THIS ship's unique look is a result of the passion that went into her creation - she was hand-crafted by a Basque master-carpenter using the traditional methods and materials of his homeland. Unlike many of the ships in the fleet which started life as

fishing vessels or research ships, this ship was purpose-built for sailing the seven seas in comfort; the beauty of her hull and rigging is nothing compared to the intimate, elegant wood-carvings and hand-crafted, purpose-built furniture inside. This ship is a Class B, 24.2 metres long and takes 19 trainees.



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by Simon Banks

PLUMSTEAD Manor School was over-run by zombies and their wounded victims when young people took part in a special effects make-up workshop.

It was a chance for participants to make gory and realistic looking cuts, bruises, burns and scars using paint, glue, gel, putty and utensils.

The holiday activity was run by The Class Lounge as part of a holiday programme run by Futureversity, which provides activities programmes to help young people develop new and existing skills, build self-esteem and raise their aspirations. The workshop was free for children who live or go to school in the royal borough.

Hakiera McLarty, 17, from Abbey Wood said: "I really like gory horror movies and I always wondered how they made the cuts look so real, so this has been really interesting and cool. We got to choose a crime scene to act out then we had to make the wounds to go along with it. We chose to recreate a car crash so we used lots of cuts and bruises."

Olly Bonner, 10, from Plumstead was made-up like the victim of a dog attack with

Make-up masterclass

Special effects holiday course is a hit with pupils



fake cuts on his arms. He said: "My mum told me about the workshop after she saw it advertised. I tried the T-shirt printing workshop before and thought I would like to give this one a go. I really enjoyed it, especially making scars and cuts, I would love to work in film and do this for real."

The youngsters learned how to make different special effects make-up and at the end they were able to create a movie

scene. The class encouraged team work, communication and creativity.

Samantha Williams, 10, from Plumstead is a pupil at Millennium Primary School, and said: "My character is a girl who was abandoned in a wild jungle and got attacked by tigers, so I have used the make-up to look like claw marks and scratches. It has been really fun but very messy!"

Yasmin McColl-Benzerari, 13, from

Greenwich is a pupil at Crown Woods School. She told GT: "We used lots of gel and paint and make-up on my arms to look like wounds caused by an alien attack, it's quite funny what you can make yourself look like."

Fellow Crown Woods pupil Zainab Alharazi, 12, said: "I have had lots of fun, I am going to go home and show my mum, I think she is going to scream when she sees me! I'm adding lots of blood to the cut and making it look disgusting. I watch Casualty on television and want to make my cuts look like the ones used on the show."

The special effects workshop leader Carol Somauro said: "The children have done extremely well today, some of the creativity and ideas from them has been really good. I am impressed with everyone, some are really good with the practical and have the skills down and others have a really clear understanding of the theory, so it is great."

● For further details of summer holiday activities for young people visit www.futureversity.org or contact 020 7247 7900



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by Dan Stephens

A ROADSHOW touring the royal borough is proving a hit with residents when it comes to keeping healthy.

The local Change4Life roadshow is touring open spaces and parks across the borough until 6 September.

Part of the national campaign, the roadshow is being operated by Charlton Athletic Community Trust on a local level, and aims to help residents find a wide range of free and low-cost activities - from walking, swimming and team sports, to dance, martial arts and racquet sports.

With cycling proving an increasingly popular means of getting active, the roadshow is also signposting people to free cycle training, cycling maps of the local area and cycling club activities for children and adults.

The venues for the roadshow include supermarkets, town centres and local parks - with families encouraged to make the most of all that the borough's parks and open spaces can offer, in terms of keeping fit and active.

Residents can speak with trained advisers to receive motivational support about becoming more active, and advice on realistic steps towards a healthier lifestyle.

And Change4Life has proved popular and successful with residents - in its first 17 days the roadshow welcomed over 5,500 visitors and advisers carried out over 600 detailed one-to-one advice and assessment interviews with local residents. Around 60 per cent of those people also signed up to the national Change4Life campaigns and offers.

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, the royal borough's cabinet member for community wellbeing and public health, said: "There has been an extremely positive response to our Change4Life roadshow so far.

"Thousands of local people have been along, picking up useful tips for



TOP HEALTH TIPS: advisor Pat McClenhan explains sugar, salt and fat contents of everyday foods to Dorothy Allagoa, right, and friends, below roadshow staff and, below left, mum and daughter Gerri and Remeni Rackham talk to team leader Paul

Bring on the changes

Thousands visit health roadshow

the whole family on keeping more active and eating healthily. Over the remaining four weeks of its tour the roadshow will continue to visit the borough's parks and open spaces, and we look forward to welcoming many thousands who will pick up ideas and simple changes which they can incorporate into a daily routine."

● **The Greenwich Change4Life roadshow tours venues across the borough until Saturday September 6 so there is still plenty of time to get involved. Details can be found at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/change4liferoadshow**



Volunteers needed to help families in distress

THE royal borough has joined with national volunteering charity, Community Service Volunteers (CSV) to deliver a groundbreaking project which uses volunteers to help children at risk of neglect or harm within the borough. The initiative places volunteers with families who need extra support with parenting, household management and other advice and support. Volunteers visit the families at least once a week and build strong relationships with

parents, listening to problems and offering practical help. The CSV project has already placed 30 volunteers with local families since its launch in October last year. CSV is currently looking to recruit new volunteers who want to help a family in their local area. Volunteers need to be available for at least six months for an hour or two per week.

● **Information about volunteering from Fiona Summers on 02089216163 or email fsummers@csv.org.uk**

Winter garden picnic

LOCAL residents are invited to end the summer in style at the Avery Hill Winter Garden Family Picnic Day on Saturday 30 August (11.30am - 4.30pm).

Hosted by the University of Greenwich, the day features live music, guided tours and interactive games. Details at www.averyhillwintergarden.org

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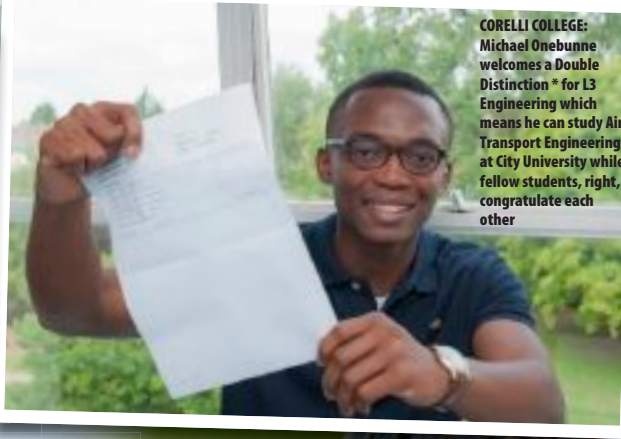
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PLUMSTEAD MANOR: Chloe Wright got three As and one B



CORELLI COLLEGE: Michael Onebunne welcomes a Double Distinction * for L3 Engineering which means he can study Air Transport Engineering at City University while fellow students, right, congratulate each other



CROWN WOODS: Brigita Kuzmickaite clinched 4 As and 1 A*



HARRIS ACADEMY: students celebrate a good batch of results all round

THOMAS TALLIS: students share their good news

A great ac

From page 1 ➔

BTEc passes at the top grades were 66.1 per cent, up on last year's figure of 59.8 per cent, and a huge improvement on the 2012 figure of 41.9 per cent. All the borough's schools offering BTecs made improvements.

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "I would like to congratulate our pupils for all their hard work, and the results they have achieved, which will open the doors to higher education and worthwhile

careers. I would also like to thank our teaching staff for the considerable support they continue to give to our students, regularly going the extra mile to ensure students can achieve to their full potential.

"Both the council and our schools remain ambitious for our students, and we share a determination to improve still further.

"We will continue to support – and to challenge – our schools to ensure they bring the very best out of their students."

STUDENTS at schools across the borough have been celebrating their A-level results, and planning the next stage in their education – and their future.

Students at Corelli Sixth Form College, the first London co-operative academy, achieved a 100 pass rate at A-level. The results mean that Jamie Bull can go on to study maths and physics at Warwick University with his A in physics, and A* in maths and further maths. Michael Onebunne, who can study air transport engineering at City University with his double distinction stars for level 3 engineering, said: "I am so happy, the college have been so supportive and I can now look forward to studying air

and civil engineering at university." Principal Trisha Jaffe said: "I am really delighted that all our students achieved their grades and that all of them are now able to move forward in their careers. The 100 per cent pass rate is a tribute to the hard work of staff and students." At Plumstead Manor excitement was high as a great set of A-level and level 3 BTEc results means many happy students being accepted for degree courses at universities and colleges across the country. Students and parents gathered early at the school's sixth form base to collect their results envelopes. These showed a 95 per cent pass rate at A-level, with 72 per cent of grades at A*-C. Headteacher Sue Flanagan

said: "We are celebrating our success today and sharing their excitement in looking forwards to the next stage of their lives. Our students have been accepted at top universities and colleges; some are going into apprenticeships, employment or already working." Chair of Governors, Sue Le Bas said: "It's really nice to see everybody smiling as they open up their results. Congratulations to all our students and staff." High achievers included Chloe Wright with AAB grades, and Amarpriti Tamber, Amarpriti Rathour and McNabb with AABs. "Belief in yourself overcomes all the odds," Chole



WOOLWICH POLY: Ankur Paudel, 18, A* Maths, A Further Maths, A Chemistry; Shani Hector who's off to study English Language at Portsmouth University; Michael Connolly, 17, got four As in Maths, Further Maths, chemistry and Physics; Kaiyum Bokth, 18, got A* Maths, A chemistry, A Physics. Above, Ernest Rys, 17, is delighted with three As and a B



THOMAS TALLIS: Rukayat Adewoye, 18, got Drama & Theatre Studies A, History A and Sociology A



SHOOTERS HILL: Asmaa Said (left) 19 achieved English B, sociology B, psychology C and is going to Goldsmiths to study English language and literature and Bilqis Alam, 19, who attained sociology B, Eng lit/lang C, and psychology C is off to Westminster to study sociology.

students' results. The students' results mean a record number will go on to university. Students Alan Mai and Kapilan Navarathnam achieved three A grades. Director Mark Vincent said: "The results, once again, reflect the hard work put in by our students and their

At Woolwich Polytechnic, Ankur Paudel gained an A* in maths and As in further maths and chemistry; Michael Connolly gained As in maths, further maths, chemistry and physics, and Kaiyum Bokth gained an A* in maths and As in chemistry and physics. Ernest Rys achieved three As and one B. He said: "I'm really pleased, because I was expecting much lower grades, and I'm staying on at school for next year." At the Shooters Hill Campus, students' results mean a record number will go on to university. Students Alan Mai and Kapilan Navarathnam achieved three A grades. Director Mark Vincent said: "The results, once again, reflect the hard work put in by our students and their

teachers. I'm really pleased with the strong performance in both year 1 and year 2 and across such a wide range of BTecs and A-levels. This is good news for the campus and our local community." At Crown Woods in Eltham, the top achiever was Brigita Kuzmickaite, who achieved four As and one A*. She won a scholarship to study psychology at Trinity College in the USA, saying: "I can't believe it. I keep pinching myself. It's been a lot of hard work. My teachers have been really supportive, and I wouldn't be going to USA without them." The school said it was their best-ever A-level results with all the top students going to Russell group universities.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

More than half of exam entrants achieve a good grade (A*-B) taking A-levels and BTec passes together

Top grades at A-level 39.1 per cent

BTec passes at the top grade 66.1 per cent



SHOOTERS HILL: Aklima Ali (left) got an A in Contextual Studies and Graphics, a C in Film studies and a C in Media studies C

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EVERYONE'S invited to the captain's table for a musical evening which is part of the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival.

The Tall Ships Music Festival takes place on Saturday September 6 on the Royal Arsenal from 6.30pm. A stage in front of the Greenwich Heritage Centre will showcase a programme of musical acts for an outdoor concert with something for all ages.

The free show will include local acts alongside national performers with food and tall ships merchandise on offer.

The evening's entertainment will feature the Ballina Whalers - three musical barnacles clinging to the creaking hull of a musical tradition stretching back over hundreds of years. Using just their voices they explore ballads, shanties and seafaring songs that tell tales of whaling ships, lost loves, roaring storms and hardship out at sea.

Also taking to the stage is Seas of Mirth who merge gypsy melodies and Irish rhythms creating stomping sea chants with classic sing-alongs.

Both acts who are very gifted story tellers and musicians, are part of the Global Local arts project which is funded by the Arts Council England to provide professional performance opportunities for emerging artists from a wide range of cultures and communities.

Other acts included over the weekend as part of Global Local include Belles of London, an all-female quartet of corseted Morris dancers, and Folkdance Remixed, an original project devised by dance artists, Kerry Fletcher and Natasha Khamjani with East London Dance, which aims to generate a creative playground to grow new and innovative ideas of mixing folk dance and music of many cultures with contemporary and street dance styles.

For further information and details of other tall ships events visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/tallships/whatson

There's a maritime theme to an outdoor concert during the Greenwich Tall Ships Festival



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Visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/eltham

ABBEY WOOD
Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice Teddy Bears' Picnic, Saturday August 23, Bostall Heath, Bostall Hill, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Cost: £3 per child (includes a picnic lunch and entertainment, 50p per accompanying adult).

GREENWICH
Ships ShapesS photography exhibition featuring pictures of sailing races by John Cadd taken over 20 years. Stephen Lawrence Gallery, University of Greenwich. September 5-9. Visit www.ships-shapes.com

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WHAT'S ON

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Queen's House: artist Rozanne Hawksley explores the nature and meaning of the commemoration and memorialization of war in War and Memory. On until November 16, daily 10am-5pm, FREE.

GREENWICH

The Greenwich Gallery, Linear House, Peyton Place, August 20-September 3. Beneath the Games Umbrella exhibition by Stephen Spencer Smith takes a step back from the limelight of the Olympic and Paralympics games and explores life in and around London and the venues of the host city. Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm, Saturday/Sunday 12-4pm Admission: Free www.thegreenwichgallery.com/season-of-photography/4573568103

WOOLWICH

'In their Own Words' A new exhibition about the Great War bringing to life artillery men of different nations, through extracts from their diaries, letters home and photographs. Opens August 21 at Firepower, The Royal Artillery Museum, Royal Arsenal. Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm (last admission 4pm.) £5.30 Adults £4.60 Concs £12.50 Family £2.50 Child. www.firepower.org.uk, 0208 855 7755.

Jiggin' in the riggin' on a tall ship

LOCAL people can explore a tall ship to the sounds of shanty singers as part of a special deal for Greenwich residents during the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival. Tickets are now on sale for the Tall Ships Experience which includes the chance to roam on board Shtandart, one of the most eye-catching of all the ships in the fleet of more than 50 ships that will be in the borough from September 5-9.

The offer is available for four concerts on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September. On arrival guests will be met by a traditional piper and escorted to an exclusive departure lounge before receiving a free drink. Then they can explore the historical Shtandart while enjoying musical entertainment from

shanty singing trio the Watling Street Band and Swinging the Lead, who'll perform well-known covers during a two-hour session on board the stationary vessel. The festival, sponsored by Barratt London, will see more than 50 stunning Tall Ships lining the banks of the River Thames in the royal borough during a five-day extravaganza – which includes a full programme of festivities, performances, events and

cultural activities. Tickets are limited and local people are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £22.50 per adult and £18 for children. Four tickets maximum per transaction. Greenwich Card holders will receive an exclusive discount with tickets at £15 for children at £15 and £20 for adults. ● For tickets please call: 020 8921 6269.





CASH SUPPORT: Willmott Dixon staff present a cheque to ecology park staff and families who were taking part in a pond dipping and bug hunt day

Helping to build new wild plant area

EMPLOYEES of Willmott Dixon working on the Greenwich Peninsula site on Pear Tree Way have raised funds for Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park to support a wild planting project.

The new area is on the Peninsula, close to the Ecology Park.

Guy Cunningham, senior build manager at Willmott Dixon, presented a cheque to Joanne Smith, senior warden at the ecology park, during one of the park's popular family events, the pond dipping and bug hunting day.

The money raised will buy wild plants to improve an area of land very close to the ecology park, but which has very little wildlife value at present.

The ecology park, a four-acre wetland area, managed by the Conservation Volunteers, was created by the former English Partnerships and is now owned by the Land Trust.

It has been open to the public since February 2002.

Habitats there include woodland, marsh, meadow, lakes and streams.

It is open to the public from Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to dusk. Entrance is free and there is full disabled access.

The Conservation Volunteers have been reclaiming green places since 1959.

Through its own environmental projects and through its network of 2,000 community groups, TCV helps hundreds of thousands of people across the UK to take responsibility for local green places.

Park staff will be organising team days to work on the new area with corporate volunteers, local residents and regular park volunteers in the early autumn to plant a swathe of colourful and wildlife friendly plants.

● **For more information, contact Joanne Smith on 020 8239 1904 and for general information about the ecology park visit www.greenwichecologypark.com**
● **For more details about TVC visit www.tcv.org.uk/urbanecology**

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A dream come true

NATASHA Thomas has had her dream of being part of a professional ballet production come true.

The 15-year-old from Abbey Wood was due to take part in three appearances of Giselle at the Bromley Churchill Theatre with the English Youth Ballet.

She was cast to dance the role of the Wood Nymph on August 15 and 16. All the young dancers in the cast were set to perform alongside EYB's international principal artists in a professional production.

Amal wins USA trip

A 15-year-old girl from Eltham Hill School was due to leave for the United States on Saturday (August 16) for a fact-finding trip of a lifetime. Amal Abdullahi is one of only 10 students invited by the US embassy in London to fly to the States for a trip to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King's historic "I have a dream" speech.

She is travelling to Washington, New York and then to the southern states of Mississippi and Alabama, following the trail of the civil rights movement. Amal will get to meet young people from youth movements across the USA and other countries around the world, and she will see youth leadership programmes in action. The teenager from Kidbrooke had to complete a complex application form, which included mini-essays on subjects such as leaders who have inspired her and why the civil rights movement interests her. Amal said: "I heard about this opportunity from my humanities teacher Nicholle Lennon.

I have a deep interest in the civil rights movement, which is why I think I was chosen to go. "I am so excited and really happy to have this opportunity to learn so much in ways that I would never be able to in class. My family are really excited and really proud of me."



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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate drainage works in Old Mill Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Old Mill Road, between the junction with Warwick Terrace and the junction with Chestnut Rise.
2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order will come into force on 19th August 2014 and continue in force for up to 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. However the works are expected to take two weeks to complete.
4. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, vehicles will be diverted via Warwick Terrace, Henric Lane, Acacia Road, Brewery Road and Chestnut Rise and vice versa.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6024.

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People on the Housing register are able to bid for all properties, regardless of their banding. You must be eligible for the size of property and bids will be considered in the following order:

First Band A, followed by Band B both in priority date order. Those in Band C will then be considered in registration date order.

Please note that there will still be some properties with age restrictions so only people of this age group can apply for these.

BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at **www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk**

2

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

4

Apply in one of three ways

- Text bidding is now available and the number to use is 07786207913. For further information please see page 2, or
- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website **www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes**

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on *Wednesday 27 August 2014 at midday*. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on *Sunday 24 August 2014*.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone
Bidding Line is available in:
English 020 8921 4340

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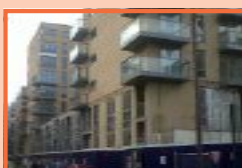
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Information Only

Parlour Houses

3 bed Parlour is counted as a 4 bedroomed

4 Bed Parlour is counted as a 5 bedroomed



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 189092
Jubilee Ct
Thames St SE10
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets No Pkg
£125.11 pw



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 183879
Freemantle Hse
Dowells St SE10
1 Bed 4th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/ H No pets
No pkg
£130.22 pw



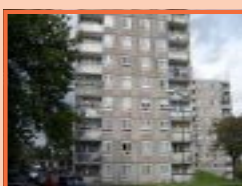
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No pkg
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Ref Number: 190271
Gooding Hse
Valley Gr SE7
3 Bed Grd Flr Flat
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No Pkg
£114.00 pw



Ref Number: 191458
Harvey Gdns SE7
3 Bed 1st Flr Mais
Unlifted Rad C/H
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Ref Number: 191400
Marble Hse
Felspar Cl SE18
2 Bed 9th Flr Flat
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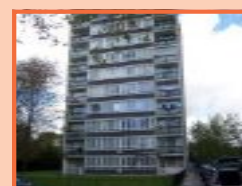
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Ruddstreet Cl SE18
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Rad C/H
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Ref Number: 191636
Dursley Rd SE3
2 Bed Hse Gdn
Gas Fire & Rad C/H
£109.29 pw



Ref Number: 191640
Fuchsia St SE2
2 Bed Grnd Flr Mais
Rad C/H
£98.09 pw



Ref Number: 191645
Brentwood Hse
Portway Gdns SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H No Pkg
£97.97 pw

If you are bidding for houses under Band C you must have 1 child under 16 years



Ref Number: 191648
Middle Pk Ave SE9
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£98.55 pw



Ref Number: 191650
Middle Pk Ave SE9
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
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£89.46 pw



Ref Number: 191656
Woodhill SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£103.22 pw



Ref Number: 191685
Heavitree Rd SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Mais
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£98.19 pw

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Ref Number: 191686
Macey Hse
Thames St SE10
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£118.12 pw



Ref Number: 191700
Poplar PI
Manorway SE28
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
Over 40s No Pkg No pets
£98.22 pw

Applicants over 50+ can apply



Ref Number: 191713
Fletching Rd SE7
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
No Pkg No pets
£112.58 pw



Ref Number: 191714
Mervyn Court
Tormount Road SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H No Pkg No pets
£135.69 pw



Ref Number: 191712
Berthon St
Deptford SE8
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
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Fox Hollow Close SE18
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Ref Number: 191580
Phineas Pett Rd SE9
3 Bed Hse
Rad C/H
Prop has stair lift
£180.00 pw



Ref Number: 191684
St Johns Pk SE3
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn RadC/H
No pets Pref to Hyde under occupiers
£180.00 pw



Ref Number: 191706
Riverdale Rd SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Elec Rad No Pkg
No pets
£162.94 pw



Ref Number: 191708
Blenheim Hse
Hardinge Cres SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
No pets
£126.31 pw



Ref Number: 191709
Eastcombe Ave SE7
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/Hg
No pets
£135.96 pw



Ref Number: 191710
Vernham Rd SE18
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat Gdn
Rad C/H No pets
£162.94 pw



Ref Number: 191711
Spray St SE18
3 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/HNo Pkg
No pets
£138.35 pw



Ref Number: 79155
Chapter Hse
Federation Rd SE2
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
£153.23 pw

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ROYAL BOROUGH TENANTS WHO ARE MOVING

DON'T GET A BILL AFTER YOU LEAVE

Under the conditions of your tenancy agreement, you have a responsibility to leave your property in an acceptable state of repair. We may visit you to check this. If we consider your property is in an unacceptable condition, you may be prevented from moving or be recharged for work.

To avoid getting an unwelcome bill, follow these rules:

- Repair any damage caused to the property by you, your family or visitors to your home.
- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

If you leave repairs that are your responsibility, or items that require disposal you will be charged the cost of this work.

Special Collection Service

The Royal Borough offers a Special Collection Service for tenants who are moving and want to dispose of something big and bulky, like a sofa or a fridge, and even unwanted clothes and other textiles.

Simply contact Waste Services on 020 8921 4661 and tell them where you live and what you would like taken away.

Items we will collect include:

Fridges, freezers, washing machines, beds, sofas, clothes and carpets (carpets must be cut up and tied into manageable bundles that one person can carry).

Items we DO NOT collect include:

Fitted kitchens, bathroom suites, boilers, sheds, fences and rubble.

For further information, please contact Waste Services on **020 8921 4661.**

Please leave your home in a good condition!

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 402

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Whinchat Road SE28 0DZ	1	FLAT	336	To be advised	
Well Hall Road SE9 6SZ	2	FLAT	396	07/07/2013	B
Greenbay Road SE7 8PT	2	FLAT	438	12/08/2013	B
Beveridge Court Saunders Way SE28 8DZ	1	FLAT	248	To be advised	
The Limes Congleton Grove SE18 7HW	1	FLAT	442	01/09/2012	B
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5HS	3	HOUSE	806	17/02/2013	B
Mabbett House Nightingale Place SE18 4HT	1	FLAT	365	03/11/2013	B
Petrie House Woolwich Common SE18 4HB	1	FLAT	400	18/12/1989	A
Wordsworth House Woolwich Common SE18 4HS	2	FLAT	332	30/04/2013	B
Eynsham Drive SE2 9QX	0	FLAT	227	19/08/2009	C
Ruegg House Woolwich Common SE18 4HA	1	FLAT	372	21/09/2010	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QL	1	FLAT	410	08/04/2013	B
Nightingale Vale SE18 4HN	3	MAISONETTE	384	10/05/2012	B
Argyll Road Woolwich SE18 6RY	3	HOUSE	557	13/02/2012	A
Frances Street SE18 5LA	2	FLAT	261	23/07/2013	B
St Pauls Close Fairfield Grove SE7 8TU	1	FLAT	593	27/06/1977	B
Walmer Terrace SE18 7EE	1	FLAT	470	04/02/2002	A

For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team on:
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GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published

50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents.

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Seeking youth footballers

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Age-ranges go from under-7s upwards. Leagues take place in the four regions of London - south west, south east, north east and north west - and organisers are particularly keen to hear from teams in Greenwich.

Teams up to the under-16 level can feature boys and girls, under the latest Football Association guidelines.

Under-7s and 8s play friendlies in five-a-side matches. Mini-sided soccer (7v7) takes places for under-9s and 10s. Nine-a-side is offered for under-11s and 12s, and the first level of 11-a-side is for under-13 level.

There are also sections for under-14s, 15s, 16s, 17s and 18s and an intermediate level tournament for under-21s.

● For details contact the competition secretary via email medialcsyf@btinternet.com, or telephone on 07538 083888.

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Lee Road Area CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 9) Order 2014 The Greenwich (Greenwich Town Centre CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 9) Order 2014 The Greenwich (East Greenwich CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2014 The Greenwich (Woolwich Arsenal - WB CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 9) Order 2014 The Greenwich (Westcombe CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 9) Order 2014

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to make the properties listed in the Schedule to this Notice no longer eligible to receive CPZ permits as indicated in that Schedule.
3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, at the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 3983.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing by 9th September 2014, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, 151-160 City Road, London, EC1Y 2XX (quoting reference PCL/THO/CC/1000001901).
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation

The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ

Dated: 19th August 2014
INTERNAL REF: J0000164909



SCHEDULE

Properties	Road	CPZ
Osborn House	Osborn Terrace	BL (Blackheath Lw)
Travers House	Travers Grove	EG (East Greenwich)
No. 9 (Greenwich Magistrates Court)	Blackheath Road	G (Greenwich Town Centre)
No. 40/42	Greenwich Church Street	G (Greenwich Town Centre)
No. 21	King William Walk	G (Greenwich Town Centre)
No. 1	Nelson Road	G (Greenwich Town Centre)
No. 11 (Westcombe Park Police Station)	Cambridge Road	W (Westcombe)
No. 52	Berridge Place	WB (Woolwich Arsenal)
No. 63	Plumstead Common Road	WB (Woolwich Arsenal)

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Eltham Station Area CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 10) Order 2014

The Greenwich (Eltham Station Area CPZ) (Free Parking Places) (No. 1) (Revocation No. 1) Order 2014

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich on 18th August 2014 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Orders will come into operation on 25th August 2014.
2. The general effect of the Orders will be:
 - (a) in Earlsfield Road, to remove a free parking place for one vehicle on the south side, outside No. 78 Earlsfield Road and replace it with a permit parking place;
 - (b) to provide loading restrictions that would operate between 8am and 6.30pm on Mondays to Saturday inclusive in the lengths of street referred to in Schedule 1 to this Notice (Note: all these lengths have existing waiting restrictions);
 - (c) to remove the existing single yellow line waiting restrictions and provide waiting and loading restrictions that would operate between 8am and 6.30pm on Mondays to Saturday inclusive in **Sherard Road**: (1) the north-west side, between Well Hall Road and Tattersall Close; and (2) the south-west side, from approximately 41 metres south-west of Well Hall Road south-westward for 18 metres;
 - (d) to provide double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions in the lengths of street referred to in Schedule 2 to this Notice; and
 - (e) to make certain other changes to bring the present Orders in line with the on-street layout.
3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 3983.
4. The Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ.
5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation

The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ

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SCHEDULE 1 -

8am to 6.30pm Mondays to Saturday loading restrictions
Everest Road: both sides, for 10 metres south-east of Sherard Road; (1) the south-east side, for 31 metres south-west of Well Hall Road; and (2) the north-east side, for 12.5 metres south-west and 10 metres north-east of Everest Road.

SCHEDULE 2 -

'At any time' waiting restrictions
Ankerdine Crescent: south-west side, for 6.6 metres across the access road leading to the rear of No. 166 Ankerdine Crescent.
Barrington Villas: both sides, for 10 metres north-west of Constitution Rise. Broad Walk: both sides, from 15 metres west of Well Hall Road westward for a distance of 18 metres.
Constitution Rise: west side, for 18 metres either side of Barrington Villas.
Eastern Way: south side, for 10 metres west and 17 metres east of Haddon Way.
Englin Road: (1) north-east side, for 10 metres south-east of Ladybirds Road; and (2) for 18 metres north-west of Haddon Road.
Griffin Road: west side, for 30 metres north of Plumstead High Street.
Halleons Road: north-west side, for 10 metres north-east of Easton Road.
Heverham Road: west side, for 10 metres north of Plumstead High Street.
King's Highway: south side, for 10 metres either side of Tuffnell Road.
Ladysmith Road: south-east side, for 18 metres north-east of Elsie Road.
Moordown: the north side, for 6.6 metres across the access road situated between Nos. 124 and 126 Moordown.
Myra Street: both sides, for 10 metres north of Myrledene Road.
Myrledene Road: north-east side, for 18 metres either side of Myra Street.
Nathan Way: both sides, for 36 metres south of Eastern Way.
Plumstead High Street: (1) arm extending between Plumstead Road and No. 14 Plumstead High Street; (2) the north-east side; and (3) the south-west side, between Plumstead Road and Griffin Road; (2) arm extending between Pattenham Crescent and No. 3a Plumstead High Street, the north-east side; and (3) north-east side, between No. 3a Plumstead High Street and Heverham Road.
Plumstead Road: the south-west side, between Plumstead High Street and the party wall of Nos. 155 and 156 Plumstead Road.
Queenscroft Road: main north-west to south-east arm: (1) at the junction with the arm fronting Nos. 11 and 13 Queenscroft Road, for 28 metres around both corners; and (2) at the junction with the arm immediately south of No. 1 Queenscroft Road for 28 metres around both corners.
Southport Road: (1) west side, for 15 metres south of Walmer Terrace; and (2) east side, for 22 metres south of Walmer Terrace.
Stutcliffe Road: both sides, for 10 metres south of King's Highway.
Walmer Terrace: (1) north side, between Plumstead High Street and a point 5 metres west of the extended common boundary of Nos. 79 and 80 Walmer Terrace; (2) south side, between Plumstead High Street and 10 metres west of Southport Road; and (3) all side of the island site situated at the junction with Plumstead Road and Plumstead High Street.
Weigall Road: (1) north side, from 18 metres west of Kidbrooke Park Road westward for 15 metres; and (2) south side, from 15 metres west of Kidbrooke Park Road westward for 15 metres.

Royal Borough of Greenwich Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010 Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that applications have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/ sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-

Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT

Also at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning> or at the library above between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 19/08/2014

Mika Hovs - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant:	Mr C. K. van der Wiele	14/0814/F
Development:	22 GIBSON STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9AD	
Library:	Installation of replacement upvc heritage sash windows on the front elevation.	
Conservation Area:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0BL	
Applicant:	Mr R Sheehy Bridge 86	14/1878/F
Development:	48-60 FOOTSCRAY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 2SU	
Library:	Conversion of building to form 14 bed size, en-suite shower rooms, communal room, office and shared kitchen.	
Conservation Area:	Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2BA	
Applicant:	Mrs C. Newsam	14/1947/F
Development:	64B HYDE VALL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HP	
Library:	Installation of a side dormer window	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Applicant:	Gail's Ltd	14/2029/F
Development:	FORMER INDIA JANE, 3 BLACKHEATH VILLAGE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9LA	
Library:	Change of use of the basement and ground floors from A1 to mixed use (A1/AS).	
Conservation Area:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
Applicant:	Ms C Hornsby Head of Brooklands School	14/2037/F
Development:	BROOKLANDS SCHOOL, MEDEBOURNE CLOSE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9AB	
Library:	Installation of perimeter railings and secondary infants entrance fronting Medebourne Close.	
Conservation Area:	Eltham Library, 2 Arbery Road SE9 1HA	
Applicant:	Miss Elizabeth Bryan	14/2040/F
Development:	35 EAGLESFIELD ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3BX	
Library:	Formation of a left conversion including the erection of two rear dormer windows and construction of a single storey side and rear extension.	
Conservation Area:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Applicant:	Mr Danny James	14/2044/F
Development:	186 WELL HALL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 6SR	
Library:	Formation of a left conversion including the erection of a rear dormer window.	
Conservation Area:	Eltham Library, 2 Arbery Road SE9 1HA	
Applicant:	Mr A Lofver	14/2047/F
Development:	77 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8SE	
Library:	Repairs to front elevation brickwork and construction of single storey rear and rear infill extensions.	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Applicant:	The Co-operative Group	14/2049/F
Development:	CO-OP SUPERMARKET, 196-202 PLUMSTEAD COMMON ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 2RS	
Library:	Removal of redundant plant and installation of new mechanical plant in the rear service yard area.	
Conservation Area:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Applicant:	Mr G. Axford The Guildford Arms	14/2088/F
Development:	GUILDFORD ARMS, 55 GUILDFORD GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8JY	
Library:	Extension of a sun wall in rear beer garden.	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Applicant:	Mr M. Nazir	14/2089/F
Development:	79 COURT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AG	
Library:	Installation of front boundary wall, railings and gate.	
Conservation Area:	Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2BA	

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Applicant:	Gail's Ltd	14/2031/A
Development:	FORMER INDIA JANE, 3 BLACKHEATH VILLAGE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9LA	
Library:	Installation of non-illuminated fascia and hanging signs and loaded replacement awning.	
Conservation Area:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	



Hall's well that ends well!

Atrocious weather can't stop cyclist completing her 2014 vow to do a 100-mile ride

by Ian Lamont

CAROLINE Hall had to negotiate a tempest, but achieved her year's aim of riding a 100-mile event.

The 67-year-old Blackheath resident was one of the intrepid finishers of this year's Prudential RideLondon 100, having belatedly gained a place to ride on behalf of the charity Help the Hospices.

The former teacher takes up a new challenge each year. She began cycling in 2011, after an advert in GT for the Fit Club at Limited Edition Cycling (LEC).

She has since become a coach at Greenwich and Bexley group Limited Edition, which encourages people of all abilities to cycle.

RideLondon 100 allows amateur cyclists to take on the same route used by the professionals in the London 2012 Olympic Games, out to Surrey and back again.

The length was curtailed a little because of the tail end of Hurricane Bertha, which caused high winds across the south of England on the day of the event.

Caroline said: "It was baptism by water, courtesy of Hurricane Bertha. As we reached Richmond Park we had a rainstorm of Biblical proportions and had to dismount and wade, with our bikes, ankle deep through raging torrents of water for half a mile. I managed to escape one thunderstorm by sheltering under a drinks tent at Leatherhead."

Riders had to walk on the pavement at Kingston, where water under a bridge

was very deep. The weather meant route organisers removed Leith and Box Hill.

"I rode up every [remaining] hill," she said. "I was made even more determined by other cyclists walking up them."

Newlands Corner, near Guildford, proved especially steep - and tough. "I was really suffering from the cold, plus back and leg ache by then, but downhill was good! The last 25 miles I felt really good and I tanked along grinning like a Cheshire cat with the end in sight."

Caroline, who did it in 8hrs 5min, added: "I finally achieved my dream of riding on traffic free roads, in glorious sunshine, past Tate Britain, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, with a salute to Lord Nelson as I cycled under Admiralty Arch into The Mall, where my husband and son were waiting."

"I am so happy. It was one of the best, most challenging experiences of my life and I can't wait to do it again - in the dry!"

"It was only in February 2011 that I started cycling with LEC Fit Camp, learning road etiquette with initial rides of 15 to 20 miles. With their help and support I graduated to longer rides."

"Back then I could never have believed I would be capable of completing a RideLondon event in my own city. I am already planning my next challenges."

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PROUD MOMENT: Caroline Hall riding along the Mall and (inset) training with Limited Edition Cycling

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Five-star Susie!

Starting Blocks ambassador creates a splash at IPC European Championship

by Ian Lamont

SUSIE Rodgers returned from the European Championships for disabled swimmers with five golds and a silver, matching her achievement of four years ago.

But the ambassador for Greenwich Starting Blocks was not so concerned about her medal haul as the improvement she feels she is making towards the Paralympic Games in Rio in 2016.

The 31-year-old - who won two of her gold medals on her birthday - is shortly to leave her job as a project manager at the British Council to pursue her sport full-time.

Susie, who has no left arm below the elbow, competes in the S7 category - S indicating a physical disability and the number indicating the severity.

She began to take the sport seriously after watching the Beijing Paralympics in 2008 and went on to win three bronze medals at London 2012.

The Greenwich-based swimmer won golds in 50m, 100m and 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 4x100m freestyle relay and silver in the 100m backstroke, matching in total her six medals from 2011 in Eindhoven.

Susie said: "I didn't really go into it thinking about the medals. It was more about the performances and times and how it shows I am

GOLDEN GIRL: Susie Rodgers celebrates with other medallists on the podium after one of her victorious swims



FLYING: Susie Rodgers in the pool at the IPC European Championships
Picture by SWPix.com

progressing towards Rio. It was always more about gaining personal bests.

"I'm shortly going to go on a career break to concentrate on swimming. I've been working part-time not full-time anyway and it will be interesting to see how it works out when I stop working."

Susie, who receives UK Sport Funding, is also grateful for funding and support from Starting Blocks.

Describing the benefits for her, she said: "The most important thing for me is the pool access I'm allowed throughout Greenwich Leisure Limited pools, which allows me to swim whenever I want. The funding also helps, mostly for the qualifying competitions."

Once selected for the national team, governing bodies pay for travel and accommodation costs.

Susie is taking nothing for granted as she sets her sights on Brazil, as the profile and standard of Paralympic sport is rising all the time. "The thing is with Paralympic sport is it is getting tougher

all the time and there are always more people doing it. People suddenly turn up on the rankings you didn't know about, so you just give everything you can and focus 100 per cent.

"I would hope to win gold [in Rio] but you can never predict. The most important thing for me is to keep improving."

Before Rio in 2016, the next major event is the IPC World Championships in Glasgow next summer.

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● The Greenwich Starting Blocks charity supports athletes with potential in Olympic and Paralympic sports with a range of benefits, such as free gym membership and in some cases bursaries to help with training, equipment and travel to competitions. For more information visit www.greenwichstartingblocks.org

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